Loss due to raise in Maharashtra

319. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sent a team to Maharashtra to assess the loss due to heavy rains in most parts of the State;

(b) whether the claim made by the Government of Maharashtra for the loss of grains, houses, cattle, agricultural land due to heavy rains estimated to be Rs. 380.72 crores has been accepted by the Central Team;

(c) if not, what is the assessment of the Central Team; and

(d) what amount has been sanctioned by Centre to the Maharashtra Government on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes Sir. On submission of a Memorandum seeking Central assistance for flood relief a Central Team visited the State in the first week of November, 1988.

(b) to (d) Against a demand of Rs. 174.96 crores of Central assistance for flood relief in the State made by the Government of Maharashtra in the Memorandum, ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 21.97 crores were approved to the State, based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High level Committee on Relief.

Setting up of AIR Stations and Doordarshan Kendras in Hilly Regions

320. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Kendras established in the hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern region during the year 1988, State-wise;

(b) whether any All India Radio Stations have also been established in those areas;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) the total population covered by Doordarshan and Akashvani separately as on 31st December, 1988; and

(e) whether Government propose to open new All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras in these areas during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The number of Doordarshan Kendras set up in the hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern region during 1988 is given below:

State	No. of Doordarshan Kendras
1. Uttar Pradesh . .	3
2. Himachal Pradesh . .	4
3. North-Eastern Region .	12

(b) No new radio station shave been established during 1988.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The total population covered by Doordarshan and Akashvani as on 31st December, 1988 is approximately 81 lakhs and 136 lakhs respectively in hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern Region.

(e) While it is proposed to set up Doordarshan Kendras in all these regions, All India Radio has a scheme to open a relay centre with 2x5 KW FM Transmitter at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh in 1989.